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Director, Psychological Strategy Board

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Allen:

With respect to the two points raised in your recent undated memorandum on the subject of Social Science Research:

(1) As you were told, Mr. Becker was acting under my instructions in refusing to authorize the release of CIA budgetary figures for inclusion in [redacted] Report and I see no reason to change the well-established policy of the Agency on this point. If and when the [redacted] Report is submitted to PSB for consideration, I shall be present as Chairman to satisfy any questions which the other Board members may have.

(2) Mr. Becker informs me that in his conversation with you on July 3, 1952, he expressly disclaimed any objection on the part of this Agency to the release of the [redacted] Report to the PSB, so long as the CIA budgetary figures were deleted. Without expressing any views on the merits of the recommendations contained in the Report, I approve that statement of this Agency's position on the point.

I may say that I find it difficult to understand why so much of the time of senior officials of this Agency has been expended in an effort to have the PSB staff conform to my views.

Sincerely,

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